



# Proposal to Develop a Community and Health Services Multi-Year Plan

Community and Health Services Committee  
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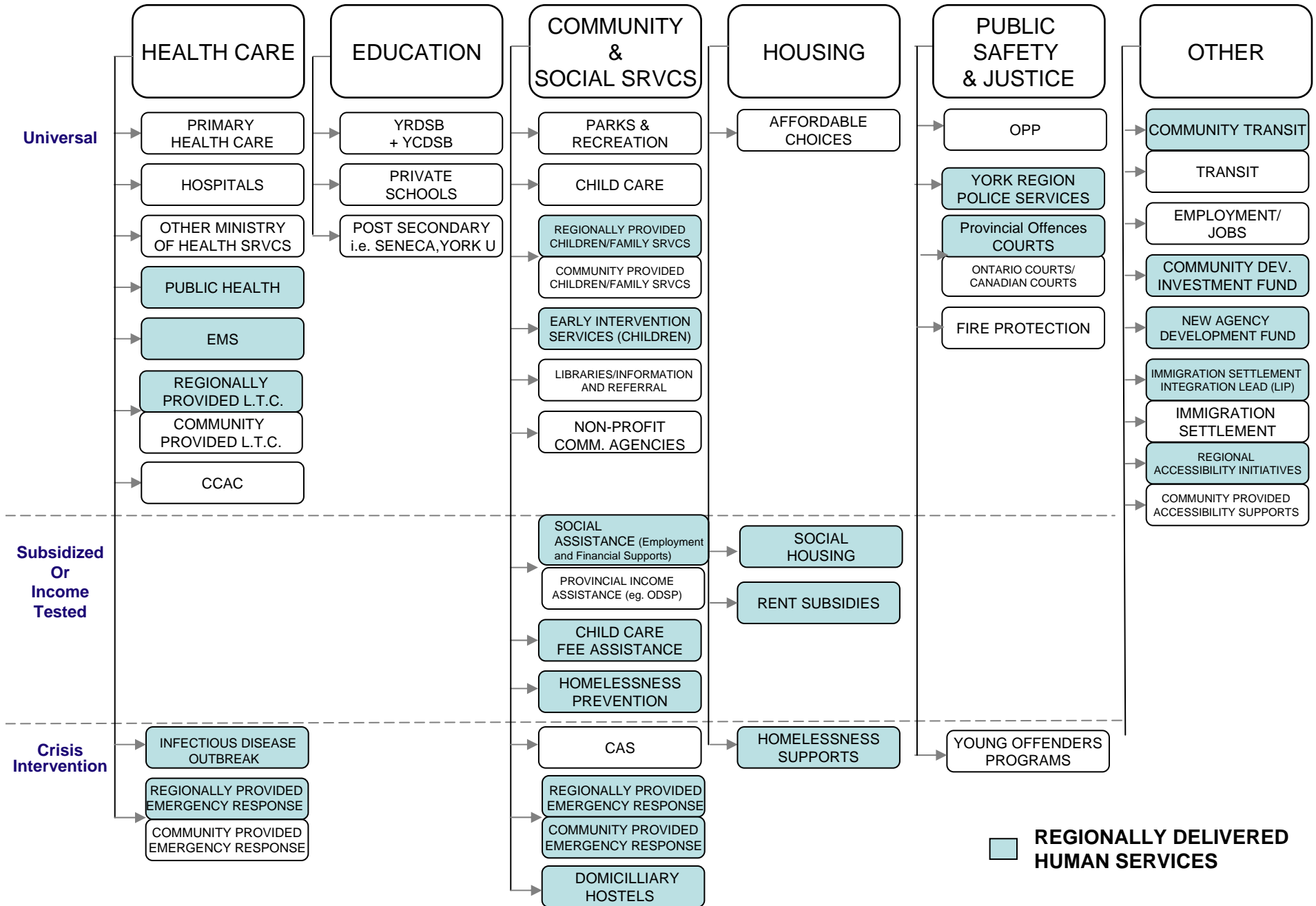


# Purpose



- Provide overview of Community and Health Services Department Multi-Year Proposal – Scope, Purpose, and Approach
- Present early investment options for consideration

# Human Services Sector – What We Control

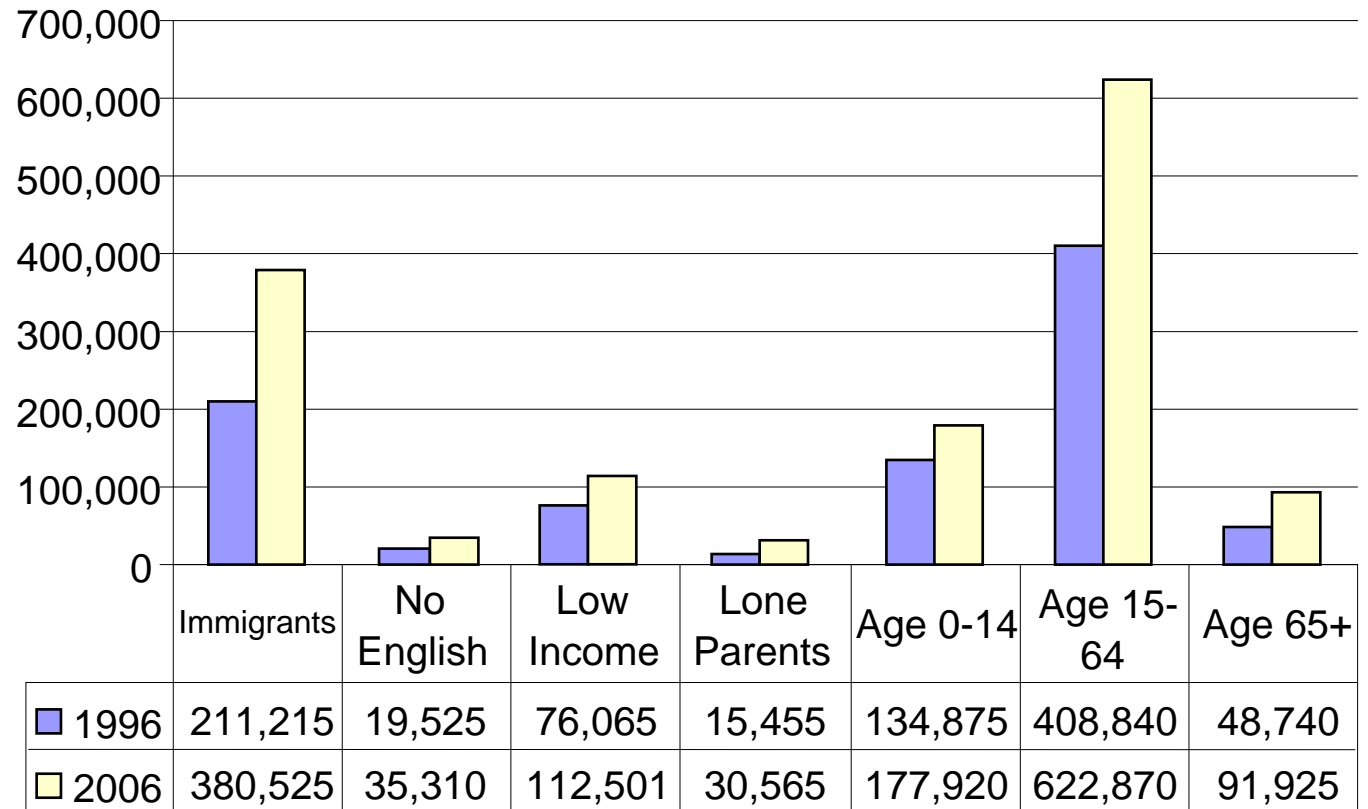


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# Trends We Are Seeing

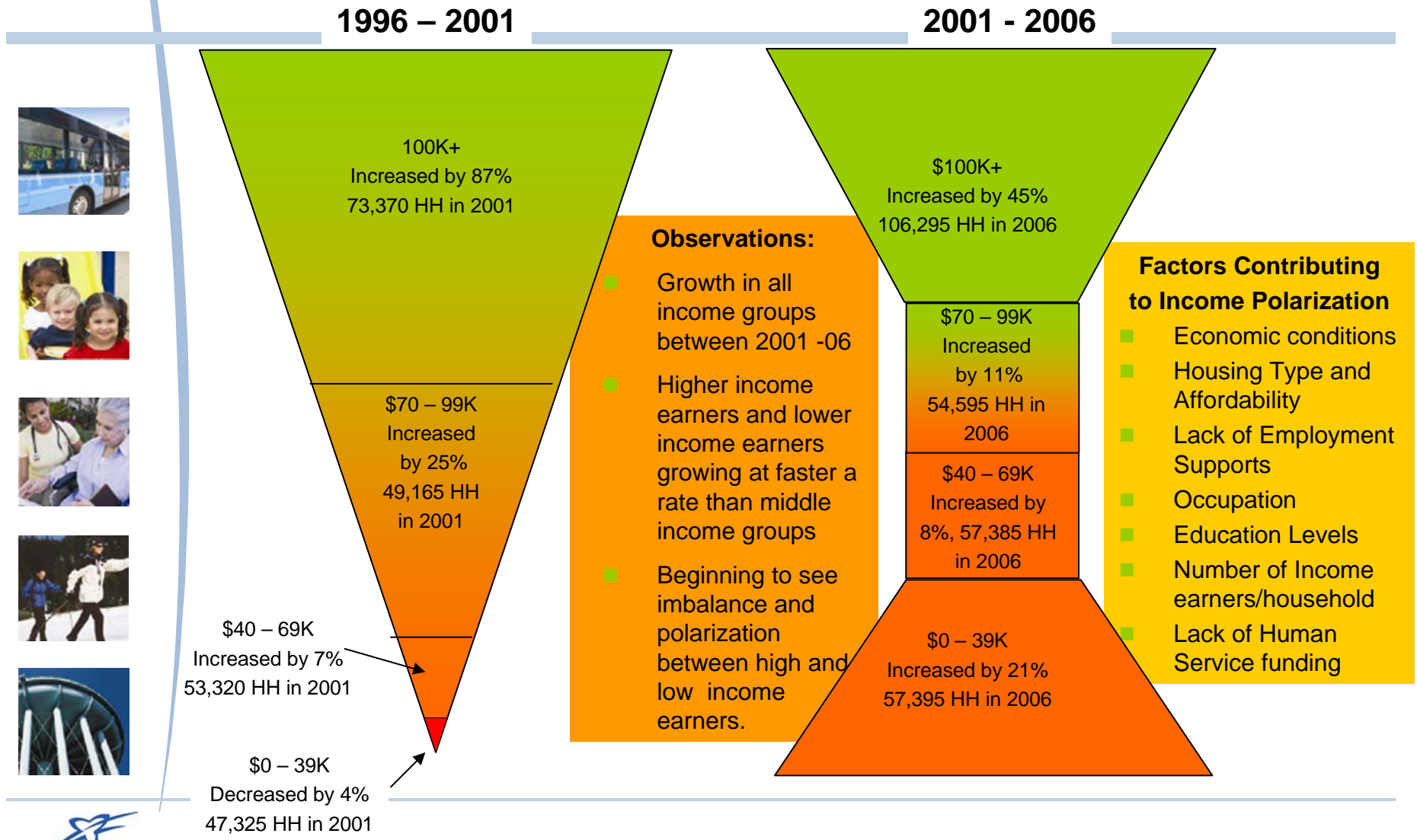


# Changing Fabric of York Region Communities

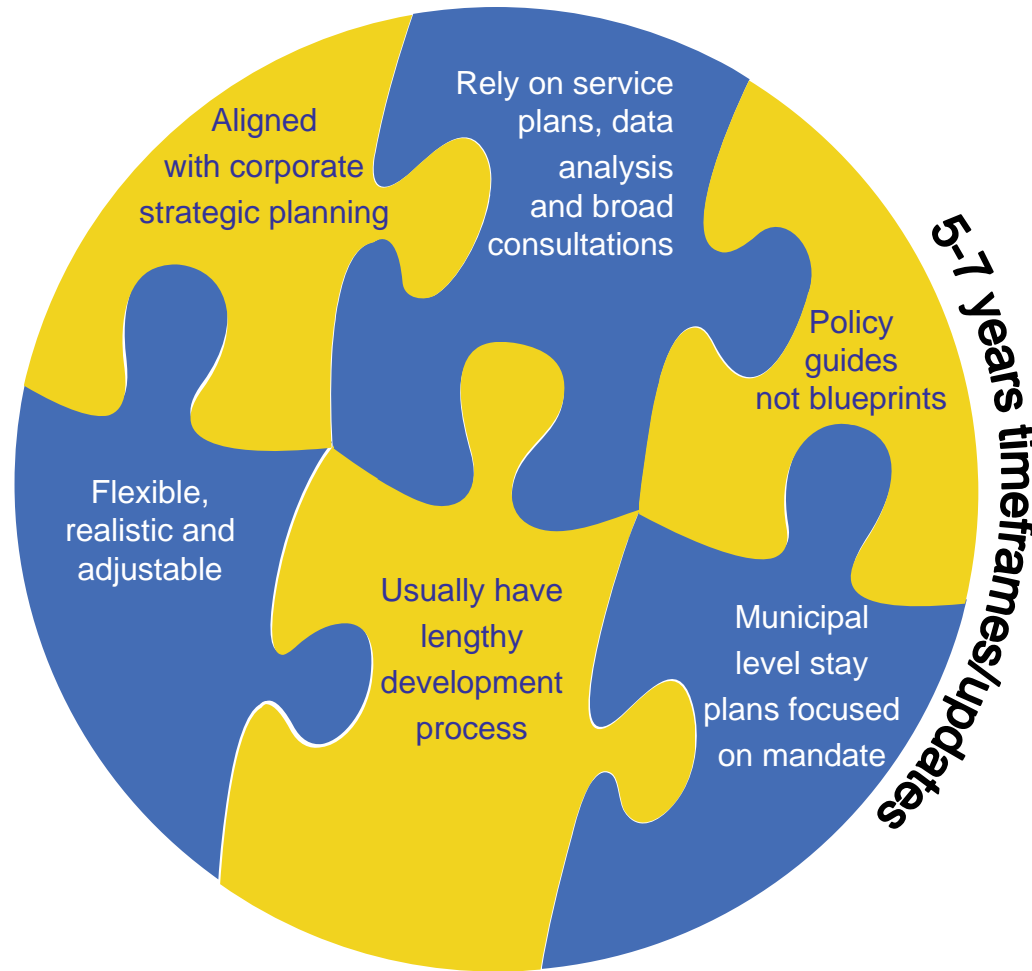


# Income Groups Beginning to Polarize

## Patterns of Growth for Household Incomes



# Key Elements of Human Service Planning



# Why a 5 Year Multi-Year Approach to Human Services?

Hard Services impacted on by the number of people.

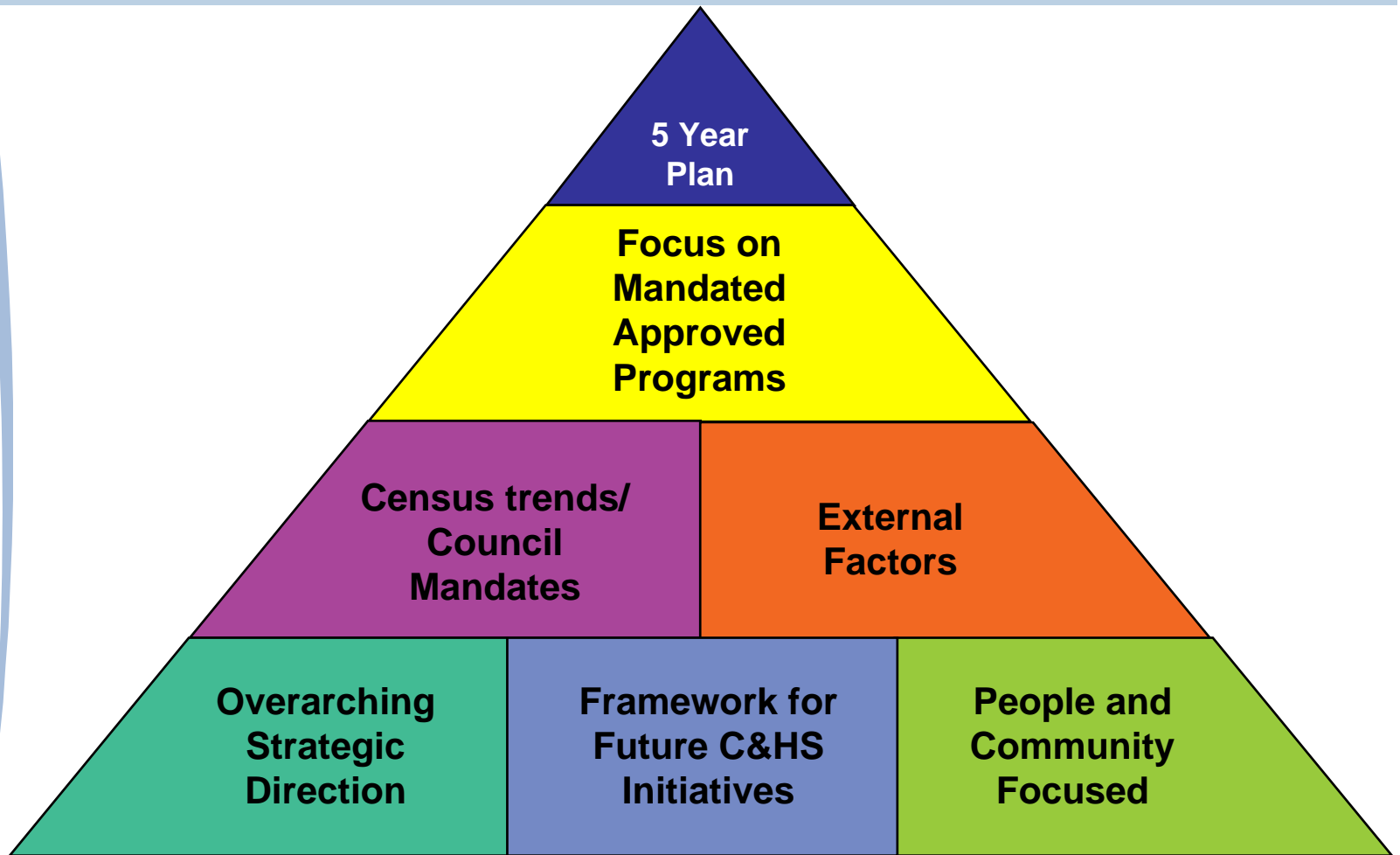
Human Services affected by population numbers and even more so by:

- ❑ demographic trends and socio- economic characteristics (e.g. aging population, immigration patterns)
- ❑ unforeseen economic events (e.g. economic downturn, gas prices, etc.)
- ❑ new policy directions from other levels of government (e.g. cancellation of Best Start)



# Scope and Purpose

Community and Health Services Multi-Year Plan – Building Blocks



# Meeting the Needs

## Integrated Two Pronged Approach



### Immediate and Short-Term Intervention

#### Early Investments

- Keeps or gets residents contributing to our economy or communities
- Targets prevention
- Avoids having residents needing to rely on more costly services

### Medium and Longer-Term Solutions

- Multi-year plan with focus on stability, housing, employment, family and health supports

# Proposed Early Investments to Meet Immediate Needs



- ❑ Responsive to recent economic downturn and easily implemented
  - ❑ No major hurdles
  - ❑ Department or community capacity to deliver
  - ❑ Can be started in 2009
  
- ❑ Immediate impact on improving service outcomes for clients, addressing gaps across C&HS services or increasing service levels
  
- ❑ Sustain and stabilize existing programs
  
- ❑ Total cost \$1m in 2009 and \$1.3m annually. Funded through 0.2% tax levy increase in 2009 operating budget reserved for social services and housing

# Early Investments Themes



- ❑ Overarching goal *is keeping residents contributing to our economy and communities*
- ❑ Key themes:
  1. Improve supports to working poor
  2. Improve support to C&HS clients with multiple barriers
  3. Respond to residents' immediate needs

# Developing a Multi-Year Plan

## Phase 1 - Plan approach – April 2009

- Define scope, purpose and process
- Establish C&HS Multi-Year Plan (MYP) Steering Committee
- Identify Early Investments for 2009
- Committee report with Early Investment Options – March 2009



## Phase 2 – Plan development - Summer/Fall 2009

- Implement Early Investments Initiatives (pending Council endorsement)
- Develop strategy for consultations and communication
- Research and analysis (C&HS plans and studies, regional plans and strategies, community data and analysis, other CMSM's,).
- Consultations (internal and external)
- Key issue development

## Phase 3 – Plan preparation – Winter 2009/Spring 2010

- Complete first phase of Early Investments Initiatives and continue with the implementation
- Draft plan for Council approval

## Phase 4 – Plan Implementation – 2010 - 2015

- Begin implementation of the Multi-Year Plan

# Recommendations



1. Approval to develop a C&HS multi-year plan



2. Endorse funding for early investments





